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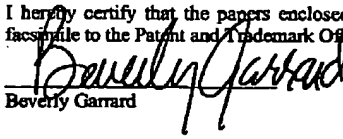
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In response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2004 (Paper No. 7), Applicant respectfully submits the following arguments and amendments in the above-referenced application, and requests entry thereof to place the application in condition for Allowability:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 8 of this paper.